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Mrs. HARRIET BECKER STOWE, the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," died at her home in Hartford, Conn., on the 1st.

The German minister of war has forwarded to the emperor a report favoring the suppression of dueling in the German army.

Vice-President STEVENSON arrived in Chicago, on the 1st, from Washington en route to his home in Bloomington. His wife and family accompanied him.

The debt statement, issued on the 1st, showed a net increase in the public debt, less cash in the treasury, during June, of \$1,820,853. Total cash in the treasury, \$853,905,633.

TURKISH troops en route for Sauran, Syria, revolted at Jiddah, on the 1st, and refused to go any further until their arrears of pay due, from 1894 to the present time, was received.

EX-CONGRESSMAN JOHN W. KILLINGER died at his home in Lebanon, Pa., on the night of the 30th, from the effects of a carbuncle. He was a well-known republican, and spent many years in congress.

In the British house of commons, on the 30th, Wm. St. Broderick, parliamentary secretary to the war office, stated, in reply to a question on the subject, that the total of the British forces now in South Africa was 5,920 men.

LATER news from the scene of the mine disaster at Pittston, Pa., on the 28th, stated that water was pouring into the shaft, and that if the men had not been killed by the falling of the mine rock, they had certainly been drowned.

JUDGE COWING, in the court of general sessions, New York city, on the 28th, sentenced William Turner and William Robert Dunlop to nine years each in state prison on their plea of guilty of stealing \$60,000 worth of jewelry from L. Townsend Burden.

At St. Louis, it is said, "the choice of a candidate was settled in advance and the question was one of platform. At Chicago the platform is settled and the question is the man. What the blood movement now needs, and all that it needs is aggressive management."

A new political party was organized in Tacoma, Wash., on the 1st, immediately after the adjournment of the Bimetallist league of that state. The new organization is to be called the Free-Coinage Republican party, and it is composed of republicans who favor the free coinage of silver.

BLAND's candidacy is said to have interfered with the cleverly laid plans of any number of democratic leaders. Whether they be silver, gold, or compromise leaders, the men addicted to the management habit are shy of Bland. The political management want somebody else, anybody else.

The committee appointed by the National Republican convention at St. Louis to notify Mr. McKinley of his nomination to the presidency of the United States, performed that duty, at the home of the nominee in Canton, O., on the 29th, in the presence of a large assemblage of citizens.

THE National Sunday School convention closed its first annual term of three weeks at Jackson, Tenn., on the 29th. The convention proved a decided success. Dr. L. H. Simmons, the originator, says that he has already made arrangements with some of the best lecturers in the country for next year.

THE July estimate of a Chicago statistician makes condition of winter wheat 71.8, against 74.5 June 1, and the condition in the six surrounding states 92.8, against 96.4 last month. The average condition of spring wheat is estimated at 90.3, against 95.5 a month ago. Reserves of wheat put at 44,000,000 bushels—about the same as a year ago.

A PARTY of 13 business men, consisting of representatives of the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States, sailed from New York on the steamer St. Paul for Southampton, on the 1st, for a three-months' trip through Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil, for the express purpose of cultivating closer trade relations with those countries.

At a meeting of democratic business men of Indianapolis, Ind., on the 29th, 42 of those present pledged themselves to go to Chicago on a special train and remain until after the Democratic National convention to work for sound money. A committee was dispatched to Chicago to secure headquarters, and a general invitation was extended to sound money democrats of the state to join them.

DR. MATILDA ADELE WALTER, W. H. Jemmett, father of Mrs. Walter, Ralph Creese, Walter Creese and Adam Miller, counterfeiters, were arrested in St. Louis on the 1st. At the home of Mrs. Walter a complete counterfeiting outfit was captured, consisting of photo engravings of a \$20 bill, some of the bills, the copper plates and all the necessary paraphernalia for etching the plates.

At the first convention of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance of the United States and Canada, held, on the 29th, in the Labor Lyceum, New York city, Delegate Charles Wilson described the manner of working mines in Pennsylvania, and said that the late disaster at Pittston was due to the "greed of the mine owners," who, he said, failed to provide proper safeguards for their workmen.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND left Washington, on the 30th, to spend the summer with his family at Gray Gables. With him went Private Secretary Thurber, whose wife and children are at Merion, across the bay from the presidential summer home.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

THE fishing crew employed by the C. A. Francis & Co., pound fishery, at Spring Lake, N. J., upon lifting their nets, on the 27th, discovered the bodies of two drowned men. The crew attempted to put the men in their boat, but the undertow was too strong and they were washed to sea. The drowned men were Swedish fishermen.

THE strike at the Brown Hoisting Co. at Cleveland, O., involving 500 men, has been in progress five weeks, and no settlement is in sight. The brutal treatment by the strikers of those who have returned to work has alienated all public sympathy for the men. Martin Schautz, one of the men who returned to work, was set upon as he left the works, on the 29th, and beaten so that he will die.

THE trial of John D. Hart, Emile Nance, Capt. John D. O'Brien and Mate Edward Murphy, accused of fitting a military expedition to Cuba in the steamship *Burmada*, came up in the United States circuit court of New York city on the 29th.

MORE than 1,400,000 spindles at Fall River, Mass., are pledged to shut down for four weeks, either consecutively or alternately, during July and August, and it is considered probable that every plain cotton goods and print cloth factory in that city will enter the agreement to curtail production by a suspension of operations.

A LETTER received by Superintendent Wisnom of the county infirmary at Portsmouth, O., on the 29th, from an Ohio man in the Cuban army, stated that his son, Capt. Ralph Wisnom, was killed in a fight with the Spaniards. He went to Cuba a year ago.

AFFIDAVITS were filed in Justice Taneey's court at Fort Wayne, Ind., on the 29th, against the players of the Fort Wayne and Saginaw baseball clubs, charging them with engaging in a game of baseball on Sunday in violation of the Indiana state law. The complaining witness was Rev. J. S. Ainslie, of the Congregational church. Rev. Mr. Ainslie is backed by the Ministerial association.

A NOTICE was posted in the Pemberton mills, at Lawrence, Mass., on the 30th, informing 300 operatives that the plant would shut down on Friday, July 3, and remain closed until September 8. Agent E. Clark explained that it was intended to make important repairs, and advantage is taken of the times to do this.

At Newport, Ky., on the 29th, Judge Helm overruled the motion for a new trial for Alonzo Walling, convicted as an accomplice of Scott Jackson, in the murder of Pearl Bryan. The appeals of Walling and Jackson can not be heard by the appellate court at Frankfort before the September term.

In Judge Haney's court in Chicago, on the 29th, a decree was entered providing for the sale to the highest bidder of the Chicago & South Side Rapid Transit railroad, better known as the "Alley L," under foreclosure of mortgage.

JOHN MCGINNIS and John O'Brien, both men of many a bad name, and notorious bank robbers, were captured in Vancouver, B. C., on the 28th, by a Portland (Ore.) detective, and were housed in the Clark county jail. A man giving his name as Fred Martin, who was with the pair, was also arrested.

THREE unknown men near Meksuey, I. T., early on the morning of the 29th, stole the work train engine, and ran it to Checotah City, where they abandoned the engine and took to the woods. The railroad company has offered a reward for the capture of the robbers.

A PARTY of berry pickers consisting of Alexander Anger, aged 40, his cousin Gene LaForme and two nieces, Liza and Annie Anger, three girls of ten or twelve years, were struck by a train on the Massachusetts Central road near Worcester, Mass., on the 30th. They saw the train coming and ran for their lives, and had almost reached a place of safety when the engine struck them. The Anger girls were instantly killed, the LaForme girl's leg was broken and the man's head was badly injured.

FRANK IVES, the champion billiard player of the world, has made a will, in which he bequeaths his right arm to his physician for dissection. He does this in order that men of science may determine why he strikes a billiard ball harder than any other man living. Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Sandow and other athletes and strong men have competed with him and he has not been beaten yet.

WORK on the largest fire engine in the world was completed, on the 30th, at the shops of a Cincinnati fire engine company. The boiler is 70 inches long and 40 inches in diameter. The two steam cylinders and two pumps are each, respectively, 10 inches long and 6 inches in diameter. The stroke is 9 inches. At full speed the engine's capacity is 1,300 gallons per minute. It was built for the Grand Rapids (Mich.) fire department.

THERE was no change in the situation in the Twir shaft mine at Pittston, Pa., on the 30th. The rescuers continued to work hard in their endeavor to reach the entombed miners, and rapid progress was being made.

By the overturning of a boat in Lake Michigan, near Sharon, Mass., on the 29th, Choir-men Brackett and four choir boys of St. John's Episcopal church, Charlestown, Mass., who had gone there for a week's recreation, were drowned. Two other boys who were in the boat were saved.

It is stated that Gen. Jacques Nicolas Leger has been appointed minister to the United States from Hayti to succeed Mr. Clement Hietjens, resigned. The new minister is expected to arrive during July.

THE treasury deficit for the fiscal year ended on the 30th foots up \$23,500,000; for the past three years the deficit aggregates \$137,500,000.

FIDEL G. PERRA, a member of the Cuban junta and chairman of the Cuban fair committee, called upon Gen. Tomas Estrada Palma in New York, on the 30th, and handed him a check for \$5,000, the first installment of the proceeds of the Cuban fair. "This is not all," said Mr. Perera. "As soon as we settle up completely, I expect to give you another check."

A DELEGATION of citizens of New York and Brooklyn called on Gov. Morton, on the 30th, and urged executive clemency in behalf of John E. McKane, the former Gravesend boss. A personal letter from McKane to the governor was presented by the delegation. It urged that McKane had fully atoned for his crime, and that outraged justice had been satisfied.

THE Confederate Veterans' reunion opened at Richmond, Va., on the 30th, with charming weather, clear and cool. An immense throng of people was present, and exposition grounds, where the reunion was held in a large auditorium erected for the purpose, was crowded. The auditorium was handsomely decorated.

It is considered probable, at Havana, that Gen. Bradley Johnson, who has been acting as the correspondent of a New York newspaper, will have to leave Cuba on account of the reports which he has sent to the United States regarding Cuban affairs.

THE Cheyenne Indians in Montana have dived their war paint and are holding pow-wows, preparatory to a general uprising. Several troops of the Tenth cavalry have been ordered from Fort Custer to the Cheyenne agency at Lame Deer, Custer county, Mont. The Cheyennes have been unusually indolent this spring.

CHARLES W. CLARK, son of W. A. Clark, the millionaire wine owner, banker and politician, and Miss Catherine O. Roberts, of Helena, a young stenographer, were married at Butte, Mont., on the 30th. The groom's father presented him with a check for \$100,000.

By an explosion of ammunition during a fire in the arsenal near Fort Mosele, in the German province of Lorraine, on the night of the 30th, 41 men were killed and 100 others badly injured.

By an explosion of gas in a man-hole of the Edison Electric Co., at Washington and South Water street, Chicago, on the 1st, two men were fatally burned and two seriously injured.

A DISPATCH from Kobe, Japan, dated June 13, received on the 1st, said the steamer *Kawakura Maru* had collided with and sank the *Hozui Maru* off Hiroshima during a storm, and that 171 lives were lost.

THE Red Star packet *Rahmanieh*, bound from Suakin for Suez, broke her shaft, on the 30th, and drifted upon a reef, where she foundered, and 60 persons, mostly Greeks, were drowned.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

THE progress of the unlawful demonstration growing out of the strike at the Brown Hoisting works in Cleveland, O., was marked by bloodshed, by further bloodshed. Wm. Retiger, a young striker, who was pursuing a non-union workman, was shot dead by the latter, who was himself almost killed before being rescued by the police. The police, while escorting the workmen to their homes, were followed and attacked by a mob numbering thousands. At the Fourth police district station they were ordered to charge and disperse the crowd, which they did, from 50 to 100 of the latter being seriously injured by the officers' clubs.

E. J. (LUCKY) BALDWIN, the millionaire horseman, had a narrow escape from assassination, on the 2d, at the hands of Miss Emma A. Ashley, the sister of Miss Lillian Ashley, whose suit for \$75,000 for alleged betrayal of a horse race was pending in San Francisco. A bullet from the woman's revolver plowed through Baldwin's hair and buried itself in the wall of the court room near the bench.

The funeral of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe was held at her late home in Hartford, Conn., on the 2d. The services were of the simplest character. The remains were taken to Andover, Mass., for interment.

The board of officers appointed by Col. Andrews, commandant at Fort Niobrara, Neb., to investigate the killing of Private Weaver by a guard on orders of Lieut. Clark, reported to headquarters, on the 2d, that Lieut. Clark was perfectly justified in his action.

The Associated Society of the Red Cross of Philadelphia decided, on the 2d, to appeal to the public to aid the 53 widows and 130 orphans who are left penniless by the late mine disaster at Pittston, Pa.

COL. JOSEPH C. MCKIBBIN, ex-member of congress from California, died on the night of the 1st, at Marshall Hall, a resort on the Potomac river nearly opposite Mount Vernon, of which he was part owner.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Readjustment of Salaries of Postmasters. The post office department has announced the readjustment of postmaster salaries for the next fiscal year. The St. Louis receipts during the past year have increased largely, but St. Louis reached the salary limit of \$6,000 many years ago. The largest jump in Missouri was that of Kansas City, the receipts there during the past year justifying an increase of \$1,000. The readjustments for Missouri was as follows:

St. Louis, \$2,200 to \$2,400; Springfield, \$1,800 to \$2,000; Hannibal, \$1,600 to \$1,800; St. Joseph, \$1,400 to \$1,600; St. Charles, \$1,200 to \$1,400; Columbia, \$1,000 to \$1,200; St. Louis, \$1,000 to \$1,200; St. Charles, \$800 to \$1,000; St. Joseph, \$600 to \$800; Hannibal, \$400 to \$600; Springfield, \$200 to \$400. Decreases—Albany, \$1,400 to \$1,300; Appleton City, \$1,300 to \$1,200; Bethany, \$1,200 to \$1,100; Bolivar, \$1,100 to \$1,000; Clarksville, \$1,000 to \$900; Clinton, \$900 to \$800; Columbia, \$800 to \$700; Dexter, \$700 to \$600; El Dorado, \$600 to \$500; Excelsior Springs, \$500 to \$400; Farmington, \$400 to \$300; Fayette, \$300 to \$200; Fredericktown, \$200 to \$100; Glasgow, \$100 to \$0; Grant City, \$100 to \$0; Harrisonville, \$100 to \$0; Higginsville, \$100 to \$0; Holden, \$100 to \$0; Humansville, \$100 to \$0; Independence, \$100 to \$0; Jackson, \$100 to \$0; Kansas City, \$100 to \$0; Kirksville, \$100 to \$0; Lamar, \$100 to \$0; Malden, \$100 to \$0; Marshall, \$100 to \$0; Maywood, \$100 to \$0; Montgomery City, \$100 to \$0; Moundville, \$100 to \$0; Nevada, \$100 to \$0; Odesa, \$100 to \$0; Ocala, \$100 to \$0; Plattsburg, \$100 to \$0; Pleasant Hill, \$100 to \$0; Rockport, \$100 to \$0; Savannah, \$100 to \$0; Sedalia, \$100 to \$0; St. Louis, \$100 to \$0; St. Charles, \$100 to \$0; St. Joseph, \$100 to \$0; Warrensburg, \$100 to \$0; Wellsville, \$100 to \$0.

Missouri School Fund. A meeting of the state board of fund commissioners was held the other day and a transfer of the public school fund for the present year made. This fund is made up as follows:

Interest on school bonds, \$73,875.74; Interest on school fund, \$186,000.00; Amounts refunded, \$76.11. Total, \$260,000.00. This is an increase over 1895 of \$4,032.34, and is consequently the largest in the history of the state.

This money will be apportioned among the various counties by State Superintendent Kirk during the present month, and each county will receive a pro rata based on its school population.

Bold Moonshiner Captured. Locked up at the four courts, in St. Louis, awaiting arraignment for running an illicit distillery, is a man whom the federal authorities look upon as the "king bee" of moonshiners. The man is A. L. Wheeler, and he, with E. Lee McArthur, was taken to St. Louis from Texas county, Mo., by United States Deputy Marshal O. J. Synder. For about a year Wheeler had eluded the authorities, although several times he was almost within their grasp. His capture was effected after some maneuvering and a determination on the part of his captors to take him to St. Louis, dead or alive.

Band Robbers Captured. James O'Brien, alias Rod O'Brien, and Jake Webster, alias Dutch Jake, charged with robbing the state bank at Savannah on the night of February 7th, have been captured by the Pinkertons in British Columbia. None of the 1,000 bonds was found with them. Wm. Loughridge, another of the men who was arrested on the same charge in San Francisco some time ago, is confined in jail at Savannah. Mrs. Beechiridge has, so far, recovered eight of her stolen bonds.

The New Frisco. The reorganized St. Louis & San Francisco Railway Co. has filed articles with the secretary of state; capital stock, \$50,000,000. The incorporation tax was \$25,025, and what is known as the "university free scholarship tax," amounted to \$12,500. The tax, imposed by the law enacted by the last legislature, imposes an additional 25 cents on each \$1,000 of corporate capital stock sought to be incorporated. It was paid by the company under protest.

Southwest Missouri Peaches. The peach crop around Carthage this year is a good one, and shipments north have already been made. One shipper sent a carload of peaches and apples by freight. The apple crop, however, is not nearly as large as it was a year ago.

Heavy Mortality. There were 305 deaths in St. Louis during the week ended June 27. This is the largest week's record in the history of the city, beating the record of the cholera scourge. Of the number 127 were children under one year of age.

Would-Be Suicide Failed. Antonio Welty, aged 65, was sentenced to prison for 20 days, in St. Joseph, Welty has a mania for attempting suicide with a revolver, and at such times is a nuisance. He has several bullets in his head.

For a Stowe Monument. The members of the Kansas City board of trade have decided to start a popular subscription for the erection of a monument in honor of Harriet Beecher Stowe at her grave. It is to be national in its scope.

His Death Was Sudden. Rev. D. H. Gillaspay, of LaPlata, but late of Boone county, died instantly of heart failure, while attending the remains were interred in Monmouth. The funeral being conducted by the masons.

Indian Raid in McDonald County. Four Indians rode into Noel, a small town in McDonald county, and robbed the town. No lives lost. The marauders started towards Sulphur Springs, Ark.

An Old Resident of Webb City. S. N. Hardesty, an old resident of Webb City, died the other day. For nearly a quarter of a century he was prominently identified with mining.

Old Man Killed by the Cars. A man named Metzker, aged 83, was run down on a railway trestle by a Missouri Pacific freight train, near Arthur, Vernon county, and killed.

Jefferson City Gets Even. Jefferson City put on her baseball clothing and went for the Sedalia ball team and hammered out 21 runs to Sedalia's score of a goose egg.

A LIVELY BATTLE.

Between the Sheriff and the Mob at Berea, O.—One Striker Killed and One Woman Fatally Wounded. Deputies Called Out, and Serious Trouble with the Enraged Populists Fanned.

CLEVELAND, O., July 1.—The strike at the quarries of the Cleveland Stone Co. to-day resulted in the shooting to death of Vinton Machuski and the wounding of John Melosky, who cannot survive the night. Joseph Wanzoski and Antonio Totak sustained flesh wounds which are not serious. The battle between Sheriff Leek with 40 deputies and 200 strikers occurred at Westview, three miles from Berea. The mob had driven out the workmen, and when the sheriff arrived he ordered the mob to disperse. They refused, and a shot was fired at Deputy Carman. The sheriff then ordered his men to fire, and about six shots were exchanged before the mob fled. Machuski was helped to Berea, where it was found he had been shot from the back through his left lung. He died shortly after noon.

While the sheriff was fighting this battle the women assailed another party of deputies at the scene of yesterday's riot, and put them to flight. The sheriff early in the afternoon asked for troops, and Co. F, of Cleveland, and D, of Berea, were called out. Col. Kennan of the 15th regiment being now in charge.

Henry Smith, the deputy who Machuski is in ante-mortem statement, accused of firing the fatal shot, was arrested and brought to the Cleveland jail.

The streets are guarded to-night by deputy sheriffs and the militia. The people are wild with rage, and it is feared serious trouble will occur tomorrow, as the company is determined to make an effort to start men to work.

DEATH OF MRS. STOWE.

The Author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Called to Her Reward.

HARTFORD, Conn., July 1.—Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe continued unconscious during the night at her home on Forest street, but to the surprise of her physician, rallied a little during the night, and at 10 a. m. her condition was slightly improved. The members of her family remained by her bedside, all hope having been abandoned. At noon the end came, and she passed peacefully away.

Mrs. Stowe's Girlhood and Early Married Life in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, July 2.—Harriet Beecher's childhood and a portion of her womanhood were spent here. It was in Cincinnati that she met and married Prof. Calvin E. Stowe. She was the daughter of Lyman Beecher, who came to Cincinnati to take charge of Lane seminary. Harriet was then a young girl. The home of the Beechers is still standing. It is situated at the northeast corner of Forsaker and Gilbert avenues. It is an unpretending but comfortable two-story brick structure, on an elevation about ten feet higher than the street. When the Beechers lived there, all about was open field, except in the rear where there was a forest of magnificent beeches. The only approach was a country road. The present occupant is Rev. Dr. Munford, editor of the *Herald and Presbyter*.

After her marriage to Prof. Stowe they built and lived in a house near the Beecher homestead. Here it was that their children were born, and where she laid the foundation for her great story, probably the most widely read of all novels ever written. She had ample opportunity to study the slave life. Her family and friends were deeply interested in the cause of freedom. Many of the scenes in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" were drawn from real life and described almost at first hand.

AMERICAN BUSINESS MEN.

To Visit South America to Promote Trade Relations.

New York, July 2.—A party of 13 business men, consisting of representatives of the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States, sailed on the St. Paul for Southampton yesterday. Among them were J. M. Studebaker, of South Bend, Ind.; J. B. Jeffray, of Columbus, O.; Frederick Stearns, of Detroit; W. T. Adams, representing the Memphis Manufacturing association; S. E. Bacon, representing the board of trade of Erie, Pa.; J. A. Johnson, representing the Agricultural Implement and Vehicle association, and J. R. Kilbourne, of Columbus, O.

The party are on a three months' trip through Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil, and are in care of G. W. Fishback, secretary of the American legation at Buenos Ayre. They sail from London on July 11.

A NEW FIELD.

Highwaymen Cultivating a New Field in the Windy City.

CHICAGO, July 2.—The highway robbers of Chicago entered a new field last night and made their first attack on the elevated railroad system. At 9:30 o'clock three men with drawn revolvers compelled the ticket agent of the Metropolitan railroad at Van Buren and Canal streets to turn over the money in his cash drawer. Only \$9.50 was secured, for that happened to be all the ticket agent had at the time. The men escaped.

ON THE EVE OF BATTLE.

The Silver Delegates Rest for Want of Material Upon Which to Impress Their Views.—The Question of Temporary Organization Receiving Attention.—Bolsheviks Take New Hope.—The Coming Gold Bugs from New York.

CHICAGO, July 2.—The prebital calm before the storm prevailed today. Having accomplished everything possible in advance of the arriving of a respectable number of silver delegates on the ground, the democratic bimetallic national committee, and those co-operating with it took a rest from their labors, so far as meetings or conferences are concerned until tomorrow evening, when another round-up of all the white metal supporters then in Chicago will be in order.

The ranks of the 16 to 1 advocates were reinforced to-day by the arrival of Dr. J. J. Mott, of North Carolina, and who is chairman of the executive committee of the independent or new silver party, formed at Washington a year ago. For reasons which he deemed sufficient, and which he has not explained, the head of the silverites did not take up his abode at the Sherman house, where the silver headquarters have been established, but instead chose an hostelry on the same street, but a complete block away. From here, and without consultation with any of the silver people that preceded him, he sent an invitation for a conference on Saturday night of every representative or party favorable to silver, including populists, silver democrats and silver republicans.

As to what was intended to accomplish by this conference, Dr. Mott was reticent, but the expressions of sentiment among those that flocked to his quarters during the day indicated a decided preference for the nomination next week of such a candidate as could be endorsed by the silver and populist conventions at St. Louis three weeks hence upon a platform dealing with no other issue than that of the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

The executive committee of the independent silver party meets here Saturday, and at to-morrow night's meeting or conference of the bimetallic committee and the silver delegates a committee will be appointed to meet the independents with a view toward united action.

Sentiment among the silver men crystallized to-day in favor of the selection of either Gov. Stone of Missouri or W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, as temporary chairman of the convention, with Senator Isham Harris, of Tennessee, and Maj. Towles, secretary of the bimetallic committee, as permanent chairman and secretary, respectively.

The story was published this afternoon that Senator Harris had been definitely chosen as permanent chairman, but at the headquarters in the Sherman house, the fact that no meeting had been held to-day was cited as proof positive that this was purely guesswork.

Through Senator Jones, the silver men went on record to-day as opposed to the suggestion made by members of the national committee that Senator David B. Hill might prove acceptable to both factions as temporary chairman. Senator Jones insisted that, while personally he had the highest regard for his New York associate in the senate he could not countenance the idea of a supporter of the gold standard presiding, even if for a short while only, over a convention that was opposed to his views three to one. Senator Hill, he said, would not be acceptable to the silver people, and consequently there was nothing to be gained by a further consideration of his alleged availability.

In the absence of material—in the shape of delegates with votes—for the making of deals or the winning of converts, the boomers expended their stock of ammunition on the motley crowds that invariably invade the hotels on the eve of a national convention. Much after the fashion of the side-show men at the circus, they took possession of the public places, and held forth to those inclined to listen concerning the merits of their respective candidates.

At one time this afternoon four distinct booms were in process of advocacy on the ground floor of the Palmer house, and the cheers and yells and shouts and ironical ejaculations of the listeners combined to create a heady din that can as well be imagined as described.

The friends of Mr. Bland were perhaps the most active. In addition to their headquarters at the Palmer and the Auditorium annex, they opened up rooms to-day in the entresol of the Sherman house, where a committee was appointed to corral all arriving delegates, the first of all seek out the headquarters of the democratic silver committee.

Mr. Bland's friends were in high feather to-day, and while unable, on account of the paucity of delegates already in sight, to give out any definite figures, insisted that the prevailing sentiment in the city and the adjacent territory were receiving from outside warranted them in taking their stand that it was Bland against the field, and with the field already giving evidence of being decidedly on the run.

The friends of ex-Gov. Boies, however, were by no means discouraged by the claims of the Bland men, and fell back on the argument that it was wiser rather than shouting that made nominees.

Delegate Brewster, of Creston, one of the chiefs of the Boies bureau and who had a talk with Gov. Altgeld just before the latter left for Springfield last night, quoted him as declaring that he had not spoken a word on the subject of presidential possibilities; that he was no more friendly to Bland than to Boies, and that the time had not yet arrived when the Illinois delegation could fasten itself to any one candidate. There was more or less talk about the hotels to-day concerning a ticket made up of the two B's—Bland and Boies—but the Iowa people frown down any such suggestion.

HE WOULD GIVE AN ARM.

For a Sight of His Country's Flag Over More, Says Owen Milton, a Prisoner in Cuba.—How Gen. Olvera, Governor of Cabanas Fortress, Tried to Haul Him Into Revealing the Name of a Letter Writer.

NEW YORK, July 2.—A Herald special from Key West, Fla., says: There was a sensational scene in the Cabanas fortress, Havana, on June 13, in which Owen Milton, the American captured on the Competitor, and Gen. Olvera, governor of the prison, were principals. Gen. Olvera had received an anonymous letter from Key West for Milton containing \$10, and had summoned the prisoner to his office. Describing what happened, Milton, in a letter to a friend here says: "Gen. Olvera showed the letter and money and said Consul General Lee wanted to know the name of the writer. I refused to disclose the writer's name, and Gen. Olvera threatened to run his sword through me. Again he demanded the writer's name. I told Olvera I would furnish it to Gen. Lee in person. The Spaniard saw that I had penetrated his purpose, and stormed in a terrible manner, swinging his sword about my head. Finally he ordered me back to the prison, telling the guard not to let me escape. Olvera used Lee's name without authority and I have learned he has tried to trap other prisoners in a similar manner."

Milton says new prisoners are being thrust into the Cabanas daily. Almost every new prisoner has a story of alleged Spanish atrocities to relate. Captain Perez, one of the late arrivals, tells of an alleged massacre near Cuanajay. Spanish guerrillas, the prisoner says, raided an estate near that place on June 20, burning buildings and shooting Jose Gonzalez, Serafin Carvajal, Pedro Hanero, Jose Castro, Juan Gonzalez, Meregito Perez and Julian Castaneda. Perez also reports that two women were killed. Milton says he fears he will never live to return home. "I would give," he says, "one of my arms for a sight